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Date : October 15, 1937
From : Chief of Military Affairs Bureau, Navy Ministry.
Director of the 1st Division, Naval General Staff.
To : Chief of Staff, Third Fleet.
Subject : (Communication of)
Information concerning the Treatment of Prisoners of War.

In view of the present international relations, when dealing with Chinese P.O.W.s who have come under our authority, special attention must be paid on your part, that we may invite no pretext for censure on grounds of unlawful and cruel treatment.

When dealing with those who are to be interned as P.O.W.s, it is very important that our attitude will signify (prove) fairness and justice in the light of International Law, both to the home front and abroad.

Therefore it is requested that P.O.W.s, be dealt with in accordance to the following, whenever circumstances of the district concerned allows:

1. The names and the affiliate units of the P.O.W.s including those killed in action shall be notified to the Chinese authorities.
2. Necessary attention must be paid towards sick or wounded P.O.W.s so that they are not treated roughly. In case a P.O.W. dies, it shall be notified to the Chinese authorities.
3. The personal belongings of a deceased P.O.W. (valuables, letters, etc.) shall be delivered to the Chinese side.

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4. Anyother necessary information concerning P.O.W.s shall be notified to the Chinese, whenever possible.
5. The above mentioned communication with the Chinese authorities shall be carried out through our Consul-General.

(This matter has already been discussed with Army Central authorities.)

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I, INAMURA Ryonosuke who occupy the post of the Chief of
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Bureau, hereby certify that the Document hereto attached,
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Certified at Tokyo,
on this ____ day of ____, 1947

I hereby certify that the above signature and seal were
affixed hereto in the presence of the Witness.

At the same place,
on the same date.

Witness: _____

軍務一機密第〇九號

昭和十二年十月十五日

海軍省軍務局長
軍令部第一部長

第三機密參謀長

俘虜取扱ニ關スル件照會

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二、傷病者ノ取扱ハ粗暴ニ陥ラザル措置ヲシ死亡セル場合ニハ之ヲ

支那側ニ通報ス

三、戦死者ノ遺留品一有價物、信書等ハ支那側ニ送達ス

四、其ノ他俘虜ニ關スル情報ハ能ク限リ支那側ニ通報ス

五、以上支那側ヘノ連絡ハ我總領事館ヲ通シテ行フ

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